



AF 28 15/11  
PATENT #21  
Not of Appeal  
y Robinson  
3/20/03

5500-36101/TT2823CPA

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/207,972  
Filed: December 9, 1998  
Inventor:  
Mark I. Gardner et al.

Examiner: Warren, Matthew E.  
Group/Art Unit: 2815  
Atty. Dkt. No: 5500-36101

Title: Ultrathin High-K Gate  
Dielectric with Favorable  
Interface Properties for  
Improved Semiconductor  
Device Performance

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date indicated below.

Robert C. Kowert

Printed Name

*[Signature]*  
Signature

March 12, 2003

Date

NOTICE OF APPEAL

**BOX AF**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection dated November 19, 2002 of claims 16-21, 23, 30 and 31.

A deposit account fee authorization for the fee for filing this Notice of Appeal pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) (large entity) of \$320.00 is enclosed. If the enclosed fee authorization is missing or insufficient, the Commissioner is authorized to charge this fee or any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5500-36101/RCK.

03/18/2003 AWONDAF1 00000017 501505 09207972

01 FC:1401 320.00 CH

Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C.  
P.O. Box 398  
Austin, TX 78767-0398  
(512) 853-8800

Respectfully submitted,

*[Signature]*  
Robert C. Kowert

Reg. No. 39,255

ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANTS

RECEIVED  
MAR 19 2003  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2800